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Prescribed Fires Completed at South Rim

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Over the weekend, fire managers treated 400 acres of ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper woodlands with prescribed fire in an area located along Highway 64 west of Grandview Point at the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park.

Today, an additional 850 acres were treated in the Grapevine prescribed fire unit located along the Park's southern boundary about 4 air miles southwest of the South Rim developed area.

Aerial ignition techniques using the Park's helicopter, and support from 44 firefighters and 3 local engines were responsible for today's success. Firefighters from the Kaibab National Forest, Grand Canyon National Park, Saguaro National Park, and Bandelier National Monument helped with the effort.

Favorable winds have been dispersing smoke north and northeast for most of the day. Residual smoke impacts may occur at the Park's South Rim and North Rim developed areas, the Inner Canyon area, Jacob Lake and surrounding communities, Page and Tusayan for the next 1-3 days.

The National Park Service uses prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuels that can lead to destructive wildfires, and to restore and sustain key ecological processes like nutrient cycling and plant regeneration that result from fire.

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